

Digital TV Transition: Consumer Guide in 2009



If you have an analog TV and rely on a rooftop antenna or “rabbit ears,” a TV converter box is one option to transition to digital TV on or before February 17, 2009. The TV Converter Box Coupon Program has reached its funding ceiling. If you waited until 2009 to apply for a coupon, your coupon application will be put on a waiting list. Coupon requests from eligible households will only be filled as funds from expiring coupons become available. Coupons will be mailed on a first-come, first-served basis as funding becomes available.

How can you be sure at least one TV in your home will receive digital signals after February 17, 2009? You can:



Buy a converter box, with or without a \$40 coupon, and connect it to your current TV. Boxes typically cost between \$40 and \$80.



Buy a TV with a digital tuner.



Sign-up for cable, satellite or other pay service. Contact your local provider regarding your options.

If you have not ordered your coupon yet or have been placed on the waiting list, consider taking one of the actions above to be sure at least one of the analog TVs in your home is ready for the transition. To apply, go to www.DTV2009.gov, call 1-888-DTV-2009 (1-888-388-2009), mail to PO Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208 or fax 1-877-DTV-4ME2 (1-877-388-4632).



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